



Defense Intelligence Agency Honors Pentagon Heroes

On Thursday, January 10th, the Defense Intelligence Agency recognized the heroic efforts of military members and civilians for their distinguished actions immediately following the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon.

Vice Admiral Thomas R. Wilson, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, hosted the awards ceremony at Bolling Air Force Base, MD. for the 40 award recipients with their families, friends and co-workers.

"For most of our nation's history, those so honored for their sacrifices, courage, and dedication usually served overseas, and usually wore the uniform of one of our military services. Today's ceremony bears testament to a world that has changed – a world in which wars are no longer confined to the region of their origin, and whose participants are no longer only men in uniform. The battlefield of the current conflict includes the cities and towns, and the counties and states of our homeland. Its heroes are both the military and the civilian patriots from which our nation derives its great strength" said VADM Wilson.

Six different categories of awards were presented during the ceremony. One service member received the Purple Heart and seven civilians received the Defense of Freedom Medal, the civilian equivalent award. Eleven heroes received the DIA Award for Humanitarian Service. This award is given to civilian employees and military members who performed heroic acts in response to the attack on the Pentagon. Twenty one employees also received the Defense Intelligence Director's Award in recognition for their work in supporting the families of seven DIA employees killed in the Pentagon attack.

"Like many other Americans, those we honor on this occasion never set out to become heroes. They would have greatly preferred if the events of 11 September had never happened. But they did happen, and when duty called, these individuals and organizations answered that call. By their actions and in their spirit, these heroes reflect the overall determination of the people of our Agency to bear whatever burden is necessary to achieve victory in the current conflict" said VADM Wilson.

Awards Presented:

- **Lt Col Daniel E. Hooton, Jr., USAF**
Purple Heart
- **Mr. Aaron N. Cooper**
Defense of Freedom
- **Mr. David W. Lanagan**
Defense of Freedom
- **Ms. Kathy A. Cordero**
Defense of Freedom
- **Ms. Christine I. Morrison**
Defense of Freedom
- **Mr. Paul E. Gonzales**
Defense of Freedom
- **Ms. Patricia M. Pague**
Defense of Freedom
- **Mr. Lantz M. Hokanson**
Defense of Freedom
- **SSgt Richard S. Cooley, USAF**
DIA Award for Humanitarian Service
- **Mr. James F. Peck**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Mr. Robert F. E. Cooney**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Mr. Curtis A. Petersen**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Dr. Robert L. DeGross**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Mr. Joseph A. Roberts**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Chaplain Joseph Deichert, USAF**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Mr. Mark A. Smith**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Ms. Kathleen M. Fuller**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Mr. Michael D. Thimblin**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award

- **Mr. Lantz M. Hokanson**
DIA Award for Humanitarian Service
- **Mr. Aaron N. Cooper**
DIA Award for Humanitarian Service
- **Lt Col Daniel E. Hooton, Jr., USAF**
DIA Award for Humanitarian Service
- **Mr. Dagoberto Cordoba**
DIA Award for Humanitarian Service
- **Mr. Lawrence D. Mangin**
DIA Award for Humanitarian Service
- **LT Todd Dudley, USN**
DIA Award for Humanitarian Service
- **SSgt Mark McNeil, USAF**
DIA Award for Humanitarian Service
- **LTC Robert E. Everson, USA**
DIA Award for Humanitarian Service
- **IS2 Khary D. Stringer, USN**
DIA Award for Humanitarian Service
- **Mr. Clarence L. Habegger**
DIA Award for Humanitarian Service
- **Ms. Sarah M. Bell**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Mr. Karl C. Glasbrenner**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Ms. Terri L. Vandell**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Mr. Clarence L. Habegger**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Mr. Don L. Washington**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Ms. Janice M. Hallsten**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Ms. Arlene Wilson**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Mr. Patrick J. Malvaso**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Mr. Frederick W. Wong**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Ms. Karen D. McCord**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Ms. Angela C. Yancey**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award
- **Ms. Heather L. Moore**
Defense Intelligence Director's Award

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